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Hon. Russell W. Harford
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Russell Harford to Serve as County Court Presiding Judge for the 12th Judicial District in 2010

Judge Russell W. Harford has been named County Court Presiding Judge of the 12th Judicial District (Banner, Box Butte, Cheyenne, Dawes, Deuel, Garden, Grant, Kimball, Morrill, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, and Sioux Counties) beginning January 2010. The Nebraska Supreme Court approved the nomination of Judge Harford, whose name was submitted by his fellow county court judges for the leadership position.

Judge Harford has served on the county court bench in the 12th Judicial District since taking the bench in September 2009. He currently serves as Lead Judge for the Nebraska Supreme Court's Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative, District 12, Team 1 (northern Panhandle).

As presiding judge, Harford has primary responsibility for overseeing the delivery of county court services within the 12th Judicial District. Judge Harford will serve as the liaison to other agencies of local and state government for the courts of the district and to the Nebraska State Bar Association and the media.

Presiding judges also bear the responsibility for the hiring, evaluation, and discipline of county court staff and provide county courts in the area with direction in matters of local district policy.

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